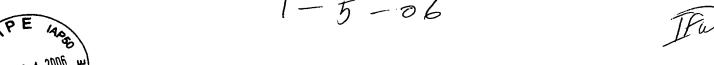
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RESPONSE A - RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Official Action mailed December 8, 2005 related to the above-identified patent application.

Pending Claims 1 - 17 of the present application are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 1 - 5 and 13 - 17, drawn to a water-soluble copolyhydroxyaminoether having polyoxyalkylene side chains and an aqueous composition thereof; and

Group II: Claims 6 - 12, drawn to a process of preparing a water-soluble polymer.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1 - 5 and 13 - 17, without traverse.

A favorable action on the merits of Claims 1-5 and 13-17 is respectfully requested.

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